

Whereas, his long list of noteworthy achievements includes helping secure enactment of the U.S. Maritime Security Program, leading the historic merger of the SIU and the National Maritime Union, powerfully defending the Jones Act, and protecting mariners' rights not only in the United States but also around the globe; and

Whereas, Sacco also had been the longest-serving member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, where his guidance proved beneficial to numerous other labor leaders; and

Whereas, Sacco also played a crucial role in helping develop the SIU's affiliated school—the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education—into one of the world's finest, most modern facilities for new and experienced seafarers alike; and

Whereas, Sacco proficiently promoted the success of his union's contracted companies, though never at the expense of his own rank-and-file members; and

Whereas, Sacco's immense popularity both within the union and throughout the labor movement and the maritime industry reflected a healthy respect and admiration for his lifetime of service; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the United States Congress salutes Michael Sacco for his work, his dedication, and his achievements. I appreciate everything he has done on behalf of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and I wish him the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF DEARBORN'S SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Dearborn on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of their founding. The services that they have provided the city of Dearborn and its residents are worthy of commendation.

For the last 100 years, the members of the Rotary Club of Dearborn have been putting "Service Above Self" and providing humanitarian aid to the residents of Dearborn. Their assistance has been invaluable over the years and it is clear that they have made a lasting imprint on the city. They host fundraisers, organize events to bring the community together, and provide food and supplies to those in need. No matter how they are helping, you can always count on the Rotarians of Dearborn to go above and beyond the call of duty. One of the primary ways that the Rotarians of Dearborn help their community is through scholarships. People of all walks of life, including graduating high school seniors, nursing students, and veterans, have been awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships since 1999.

For the last 100 years, the Rotarians has been integral to the public spaces of Dearborn. In 2009, they partnered with Henry Ford College to build the beautiful Kingfisher Bluff overlook on the Rouge River. They have planted trees at Fort Street Heritage Park, Salina Elementary, and Greenfield Village. Every year, the Rotary Club is one of the largest patrons of the Dearborn Public Library. This

year, with the proceeds from their 100th Anniversary Gala, the Rotary Club of Dearborn will fund a community project to help renovate the auditorium of Dearborn's Henry Ford Centennial Library, making it more accessible to individuals and groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Rotary Club of Dearborn and all of its members and volunteers for 100 years of "Service Above Self." Their efforts have made Dearborn more beautiful, more welcoming, and a community where anyone would be happy to raise their child. Hats off to 100 years of incredible work, and here's to 100 more years.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES PAUL LOOS III

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate James Paul Loos III for his retirement from a lifetime of public service.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. Loos has dedicated his life to serving the great state of Florida and the United States of America. At the age of 20, he joined the Florida Air National Guard and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. However, this was just the beginning of his four decades of public service.

Throughout the last 40 years, Mr. Loos has served in the Florida Air National Guard, Clay County Sheriffs Office, Naval Support Activity, Department of Navy Police, and the Nassau County Sheriffs Office, where he spent 20 of those years.

At every step of his career, Mr. Loos continually received outstanding praise from his superior officers. Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper described Mr. Loos as having a heart for helping others, and he expressed gratitude for his tireless advocacy in keeping citizens safe.

Mr. Loos's commitment to serving his community, state, and country should be celebrated, and I am inspired by the example he is setting for the next generation of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a much-deserved retirement for James Paul Loos III, a true servant and patriot.

HONORING THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today to honor the momentous accomplishments of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club. This organization's work has proven vital to our Oakland community, and it continues bearing its fruits more than 50 years after NMDC's inception.

I proudly recognize NMDC's founding President, Virtual Murrell, and co-founders Leo Bazile, Wilson Riles, Jr., AC Taylor, and

Johnnie Harrison for their tremendous work, ongoing support, and commitment to African American education and political representation in our community. I vividly remember sitting in Virtual Murrell's kitchen on a Sunday morning, with excitement during the discussions that led to the establishment of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club.

In 1970, Oakland's population was more than 365,000, and 35 percent was Black. Yet, no Black community members had ever been elected to the Oakland City Council or the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors. The future founding members of NMDC knew this had to change—the Black community needed a voice. These founding members knew it was time for a shift in political power and embraced the challenges that stood before them to attain the representation they desperately needed.

In the fall of 1973, the Niagara Movement Democratic Club was formed. A group of young, energized, and determined individuals came together to continue the dream of the Niagara Movement, a civil rights group founded in 1905 dedicated to obtaining civil rights for African Americans. Inspired by a founding member of the Niagara Movement, W.E.B. DuBois, NMDC's guiding mission was the ideal of the "Talented Tenth," which sought to cultivate strong Black leadership through prioritizing college education and championing social change. As a result, the Niagara Movement Democratic Club surpassed its educational goals and moved toward political advocacy and representation. Because of this, NMDC focused on recruiting young Black professionals and students to grow their club and fulfill their mission of Black representation in local politics.

To challenge the status quo, NMDC worked relentlessly to coalesce other major Black organizations behind the common goal of increased representation in their community while challenging Republican efforts to maintain a conservative footprint in our district.

Since its formation some fifty years ago, NMDC has consistently embodied this mission as reflected by its members, including student activists, educators, graduate students, accountants, law students, city planners, and healthcare professionals. In addition, the organization has maintained an acute focus on empowering and integrating Black students and working professionals in the political conversations impacting Oakland.

Today, I recognize the organization's extraordinary members for their unyielding efforts to fight for representation and equity. These individuals challenged and changed the narrative, whether it be through fighting against the Republican establishment, organizing young students, or being elected to public office. NMDC created space for Black residents of Oakland, California to have a political voice. We thank them for the everlasting footprints of change they have made in our community.

The founding members of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club are as follows:

1. Virtual T. Murrell
2. Leo Bazile
3. AC Taylor
4. Johnnie S. Harrison
5. Shirley Douglas
6. Edmund Atkins
7. Art Scott
8. Irene Scott-Murrell
9. Anita Williams
10. Al Rogers